



ROAD MAKING WITHOUT DEBT.

The 50 Million Dollar Loan Would Mean an Annual Interest of \$2,000,000, and an Additional Million for Sinking Fund.

A fact for every voter in Pennsylvania to bear in mind with reference to the pending amendment to the State constitution to authorize the creation of a fifty-million dollar loan for State road building...

If the three million dollars required to pay interest and sinking fund every year were appropriated for State road making, and added to the two millions that we have been spending on an average every year during the last five years for State road making...

The good roads movement has not now and never had a more earnest advocate than the Reporter and it has always held that permanent improvements, to be enjoyed by our posterity as well as ourselves, should be made through loans to be paid off gradually...

Are the people of Pennsylvania going to load themselves with a debt of \$50,000,000 to continue experimenting and making short-lived roads, when they know that the amount required to pay interest and sinking fund on the loan, if appropriated for road building...

It will be time enough to seriously consider the creation of a debt for road making, when we have a State Highway Department that can and does build roads that will last; roads that are permanent improvements and when we have a State administration that is for the people...

A county convention of the W. C. T. U. was held in Petrik Hall, Bellefonte, Thursday and Friday of last week. It was the twenty-eighth annual convention, and the members were enthusiastic.

Aside from the local ministers, Mrs. B. C. Wilson, a state organizer, was present and spoke. Her "Echoes from Dry Counties" delighted the audience.

Mrs. Clesse, who has been president of the body for twelve years, and Mrs. J. P. Harris, who has been identified with the work since its inception in Centre county, have been made life members.

Phillipsburg invited the convention to meet with them in 1914, and the offer was accepted.

A fire loss due to lightning was sustained by Henry Eisenbuth, in High Valley, the other Sunday afternoon, when his barn was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

We beat.

RECORD WHEAT CROP.

Leading Cereals Worth \$3,923,700,000 in Market—Corn in Pennsylvania.

Though hot weather and drought have played havoc with the nation's corn crop, causing a loss of 421,000,000 bushels between August 1 and September 1...

At the current Chicago prices, the value at the market of the three leading grain crops is \$2,923,740,000, estimated value of the wheat raised this year being \$678,600,600; corn, \$1,786,700,000, and oats, \$458,380,000.

Since the first estimates of the prospects of corn this season were made, there has been a decline in condition amounting to 695,000,000 bushels, and from the prospects indicated by the condition of the crop on September 1, the harvest will be 2,351,000,000 bushels.

An increase in the estimate of the spring wheat crop places that at 243,000,000 bushels, making the combined crop of winter and spring wheat of the country 754,000,000 bushels, the greatest wheat crop ever produced, exceeding the record crop of 1901 by 6,000,000 bushels.

The condition of white potatoes deteriorated to such an extent that the August estimates of that crop were reduced by 14,000,000 bushels, to 325,000,000 bushels. Condition of corn in Pennsylvania on September 1 was 81 per cent of normal compared with 80 per cent last year and a ten-year average of 83 per cent.

Many towns in Pennsylvania boast of fancy chicken farms, Bloomsburg boasts of an ostrich farm, but Mt. Union is the only town along the line that can afford a rattlesnake farm. Lawrence N. Crum, a local clothier, is sole owner and proprietor.

For some time these rattlesnakes were on exhibition in the store window but now a den has been made in the cellar, where they will be kept during the winter. The snakes' life will be raised for their poison, which is extracted every few days by making them bite on a spoon.

Mrs. Mary Bearick advertises her house and lot on Main street for sale. Also an adjoining vacant lot. Miss Elizabeth Boozer left for Salix, Cambria county, the beginning of this week, where she will again teach a public school.

Messrs. S. A. Wakefield of Scranton and J. L. Ripka of Lock Haven are representing the International Correspondence School with headquarters in Scranton on Grange Park. The Reformed congregation at State College took possession of the old Presbyterian church property, corner of College and Miles, and all services will in the future be held there.

The Presbytery of Huntingdon will hold its next meeting in the Second Presbyterian church, Altoona, the opening session to be held at 7:30 o'clock on the evening of Monday, October 6.

A broken mule leg and wrecked drill was the result of a pair of mules hitched to a grain drill running away. The team was the property of M. O. Stover of near Woodward. In their mad rush the team got fast in a fence which no doubt made the outcome so serious.

Miss Sarah Kessler, daughter of Merchant A. A. Kessler of Millheim, is a student in the Indiana Normal School, Indiana, and a few days ago returned to that institution to resume her studies. David Kessler, a son, will enter Pennsylvania State College this week.

Commissioner William H. Noll was in Centre Hall on Monday morning, his mission being to deliver primary election ballots through this portion of the county. He was traveling with his brother, John T. Noll of Pleasant Gap, who owns the car in which the trip was made.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerre Miller and son John Miller of Du Bois are in Centre Hall, having come here on Monday morning. Mr. Miller was formerly the barber in Centre Hall, and now both he and his son conduct tonorial parlors. For a part of the time they are in Centre Hall they will be guests of Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs.

THE GRANGE ENCAMPMENT AND FAIR.

Greatest Gathering in a Series of Years Now in Full Swing.

The Grange Encampment and Fair, as the Reporter goes to press on Wednesday noon is in full swing. It is the greatest fair ever held here.

More than one hundred seventy tents have been erected, every one of which is tenanted by from six to ten persons, making an aggregate of not less than one thousand to fifteen hundred persons living under the white canvases. From the top of Nittany Mountain or any prominence Grange Park presents a most delightful scene both by day and night.

Fully ninety per cent. of the tenters were in camp on Saturday evening, although some of them did not reach the grounds until after dark, but before Sunday broke in, every tent was up, furniture and other equipments in position.

The line of exhibits is better than heretofore. A number of new lines of machinery not heretofore exhibited are attracting considerable attention. Exhibitors, local and those from a distance, are becoming more fully convinced that their representation at this fair is to their advantage.

Sunday the attendance at the Harvest Home services was unusually large. There was the best of order on the Park throughout the entire day, and in the evening the large auditorium was crowded to the doors with those anxious to see the "Life of Moses" on canvas.

Monday morning there was the general scurrying among the campers, exhibitors and sutlers—each one was preparing for the big days to come. Tuesday the auditorium was given over to the old soldiers, who held their annual reunion.

THE CAMPERS. The names of those who engaged tents are taken from the official list, and are as follows:

- CENTRE HALL. Leonard Rhone, Geo. L. Goodhart, Geo. Geringer, Andrew Zettle, H. B. Frankenberger, Henry Zettle, Harvey Mark, Philip Meyer, Wm. Odenkirk, Dr. J. V. Foster, Geo. Emerick, Wm. Colyer, Thomas Delaney, Perry Luse, Lee Brooks, Milford Luse, Victor Auman, J. C. Brooks, Richard Brooks, Wm. Brooks, C. F. Emery, Jacob Sharer, M. M. Keller, Mrs. Kate Conley, James Stahl, Cyrus Brungart, David Bartges, Samuel Durst, Mrs. Flora Bairfoot, Ellen Frazier, Grange Fire Ins. Co., D. K. Keller, S. W. Smith, John Eckley, Charles Neff, Mrs. W. B. Mingle, Chas. Bartholomew, William Meyer, John Kennedy, I. M. Arney, Geo. Nearhood, John Heckman, D. A. Boozer, Thomas Moore, Henry Homan, W. C. T. U., James Goodhart, Alvin Stump, John Knarr, B. D. Brisbin, Wm. Tate, Grace Smith, State Grange, Geo. Heckman, Chas. Arney, Frank Bradford, John Moore, Abner Alexander, Wm. Smith, Mrs. B. H. Arney, Wm. Keller, John Delaney, Robert Foreman, E. R. Hunter, Altoona, Ephraim Meckley, Juniata.

- BELLEFONTE. Mrs. Calvin Grove, Thomas S. Hazel, Jacob Hoy, Isaac Miller, Henry Kline, J. T. Zeigler, Mrs. E. W. Kane, Harry Garbrick, Harry Gentsel, Albert Thompson, D. H. Shivery, S. I. Poorman, James Sommers, Adam Hoover, J. F. Herman, Thomas Weaver, Frank Musser, John Benner, Mrs. John Spearly, Willard Dale, J. F. Garthoff, Harry Alters, Charles Hazel, Frank Bartley, Mr. Huninger.

- MILLHEIM. I. A. Shawyer, Ward Gramley, Robert Smith, Mr. Colyer.

- LEMONT. Dale Shuey, Mrs. Agnes Grove, Mrs. Alfred Shank, Curtin, R. D., Edward Moore, Tyrone.

- BOALSBERG. Mrs. Cal. Wieland, P. S. Ishler, Howard Bricker, Annie Dale, Lillie Dale, Austin Dale, W. L. Musser, Liyswen, Altoona, Mr. Bloom, Williamsport.

- STATE COLLEGE. John Glenn, J. S. Brungardner, Mrs. Harriet Pennington, Huston Shuey, Andrew Lyffe, John Dale.

- MADISONBURG. Jacob Harter, J. H. Roush.

WANT A PLAY GROUND.

Borough School Board Considering the Matter of Purchasing a Play Ground Adjoining the Present School Lot.

The Centre Hall school board is seriously considering the advisability of purchasing a play ground for the school children. Under the new School Code school boards are empowered to purchase as much ground as they wish for a play ground, and if the school authorities decide to enlarge the present school ground the purchase will be made under the provisions of the School Code, which code gives school boards power not enjoyed under the old school laws.

The finances of the school board are such at present that the purchase of additional play ground could be made without increasing the tax rate—a very happy condition, indeed. The Reporter has not sounded the sentiment of the taxpayers on this question, but it believes they will be in sympathy with the movement.

In enumerating the needs of Centre Hall the Reporter included a play ground in the list, because it thinks the children are entitled to some consideration in their play as well as in their education. We are not living in the past, but in the present, and we must act in view of the future.

- Transfer of Real Estate. Michael Kerstetter to A. M. Kerstetter, tract of land in Spring twp. \$1600. Thomas Foster et al to Lena C. Cornwell, tract of land in College twp. \$400. Anne L. Blanchard et al to John M. Shugert, premises in Bellefonte \$4650. C. H. Weaver et ux to Harry Fye, tract of land in Burnside twp. \$120. Milton Kunes to Henry C. Kunes, house and lot in Liberty twp. \$700. Ann F. McHugh to Martin Buyulak, tract of land in Rush twp. \$175. M. R. Johnston et ux to Margaret G. Coxy, tract of land in Bellefonte \$275. Harry E. Cox et al to Martha E. Cox, tract of land in Liberty twp. \$300. Charles Lucas to Mary Heaton, tract of land in Boggs twp. \$1. Annie E. Stonerod to Lemuel C. Zindel, tract of land in Snow Shoe boro. \$1200. W. B. Miles et ux to L. T. Eddy, tract of land in Milesburg. \$1000. Catharine A. Hoy to Susan McClintic, tract of land in Marion twp. \$600. John Hamilton et ex to Ray D. Gilliland, tract of land in State College. \$600. John Hamilton et ux to Ray D. Gilliland, tract of land in State College. \$500. Henry F. Kessinger to Penna. R. R. Co., tract of land in Liberty twp. \$300. J. K. Johnston, admr., to James L. Bailey, tract of land in Boggs twp. \$150. James L. Bailey et ux to John Lupert, tract of land in Boggs twp. \$450.

Walker-Dutrow. Rev. F. H. Foss on Wednesday evening of last week, at the United Evangelical parsonage, united in marriage Raymond Walker and Miss Sarah Erma Dutrow. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, west of Centre Hall, and is an industrious young man of good habits, and the bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Dutrow, east of Centre Hall. The Reporter extends its hearty congratulations.

The Penn Literary Society of Gregg township high school, Spring Mills, met for organization Friday night at the school building. The following officers were elected: President, Cora M. Corman; vice president, Grace Musser; secretary, Russell Condo; treasurer, John Corman; librarian, Dean Braucht; critic, Prof. W. R. Jones.

A pleasant and beneficial year is anticipated by all and all friends and patrons of the school are invited to attend its meetings.

Rossmann-De saw. The announcement of the marriage of William S. Rossmann and Miss Reba De Saw has been formally made. The bride, who is very popular among her many friends, is a daughter of Nelson W. De Saw, of Philadelphia, a bridge builder for the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company. The groom is a son of H. F. Rossmann, the Spring Mills general merchant, and is also employed by the Reading Company as station agent at Nesheim Falls, a Philadelphia suburb railroad station. The marriage took place Tuesday evening of this week, Rev. Garrett, a personal friend of the groom, being the officiating minister. The "at home" cards indicate that after October 1st, the couple will receive their many friends at Yardley.

THE AUTO ON THE FARM.

More Machines Now Owned in the Country than in the City.

Two important facts about automobiles and farmers should not be missed by anyone who is interested in either. One is that more machines are now owned in the country than in the city, even in states with a big city population. More automobiles are being sold to farmers this year than to all other classes combined. These statements are not merely opinions or rough estimates but truths that may be learned by any careful investigator. Every assembly of farmers will supply sufficient evidence to satisfy most persons. The automobile itself has furnished all the argument farmers need to convince them of its usefulness in the country.

Today an automobile on the farm excites no more comment than a horse does. The other important fact is that automobiles owned by farmers are paid for, and the butcher, the baker and the grocer are not suffering because the farmer is spending money on joy rides. The greatest market for automobiles in the future lies in the country, where it is most needed, is most useful and most enjoyable. It is purely a luxury to most city people, who must pay for housing it and can not use it in their business. It is more than a luxury to a farmer who houses it free of cost and uses it in his business. The cost of living must always limit investment in such luxuries in the city. The farmer is put in better position to buy through the same influence that increases the cost of living and limits the city man's ability to afford a luxury. Automobiles or anything else will be sold in largest numbers where usefulness justifies investment in them; and that place is on the farms, where there are good business reasons for owning them.

Exchange of Lands. At a recent meeting of the Reformed and Lutheran cemetery association, the trustees were instructed to enter into an agreement with the Centre Hall school board whereby the driveway from the cemetery to the public road will pass into the hands of the school board, and a strip of land of the same number of square rods on the south side of the school ground will become the property of the cemetery association. This arrangement is of mutual benefit, and while it will give each organization no more ground than they owned heretofore, it will be better located and can be better utilized. The cemetery trustees will be able to lay out a few nice lots for burial purposes on the acquired ground which will aid in bridging them over until more ground can be secured.

The Cemetery Association trustees owe it to the congregations they represent to exhaust every effort to secure additional burying ground, and at once. They had appointed a committee to ascertain whether or not ground could be purchased, and they have reported adversely. One course lies open, and that is to petition the court to condemn. It appears there is no law by which cemetery associations can condemn lands for burial purposes, but conditions locally are such that it appears the court would have jurisdiction if the matter was properly brought before it. Longer delay might complicate matters very much. It is action at an opportune time that brings results.

Only Newspaper Home. Under the above caption the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel has this to say: One of the coziest newspaper plants in Central Pennsylvania is that of the Centre Hall Reporter. Editor Smith has erected a new building for his purposes and is deservedly proud of his comfortable, clean, and well arranged and equipped establishment. Mr. Smith several years ago helped to make a success of the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel, and is now making a very live and readable local newspaper of the Reporter. He also directs a good farm over there and is equally successful as an agriculturist. His expert job printer turns out work that is not surpassed by the more imposing and bigger printing establishments, and The Sentinel is glad to congratulate Mr. Smith on being able to enjoy that comfortable feeling that always comes from doing things well. That's why he always has a warm-hearted smile for his visitors.

Large Enrollment at Penn State. From information received from Dr. A. Howry Espenshade, registrar of the Pennsylvania State College, the total enrollment this year will exceed 3,000. At the present time the number of students enrolled exceeds that of last year, that is, students in full standing. Inasmuch as all new students must enter college without condition marks the freshman class will be about the same as last year, or six hundred.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

It's after the primaries. Penn State opened yesterday (Wednesday).

No school this week in Centre Hall borough.

Two million trees will be planted on the national forests in Utah, Nevada, and southern Idaho during 1914.

Prof. Harry Dodson has leased the Geiss property from John C. Rossmann from October 1st until April 1st of 1915.

The September term of court opens on Monday. The list of jurors—grand and traverse—is reprinted in this issue.

Mrs. James W. Boal, who during the past few years lived in Bellefonte, is now making her home with her son, Rev. J. Hamill Boal.

If Bellefonte wants to do something for its benefit, let it induce the transportation company to come this way. The motor bus would make us much nearer neighbors.

Mrs. Samuel Geringich is recovering from effects of indigestion to reduce a goiter. The upper portion of her body on one side, including the arm, became partially paralyzed.

Mrs. W. S. Slick, accompanied by her daughter Elsie and son William, are on a visit to relatives and friends in Altoona, Johnstown and other points. They will return within the next two weeks.

The United Evangelical parsonage was very much improved on the interior, and now the pastor and family have decidedly better quarters in which to live. One of the improvements was to install a bath room.

The latter part of last week H. G. Strohmeier placed a handsome monument in the Tusseyville cemetery over the grave of the late Samuel J. Houseman. The material is Missouri granite, the workmanship fine, and the design pleasing.

Coleman K. Sober, the owner and proprietor of the large Paragon chestnut farm in Irish Valley, is preparing to harvest the large crop of chestnuts. There will probably be three thousand bushels to be harvested this year and nearly all of them have been sold.

An Oxweld acetylene lighting plant is being installed in the Bartholomew building. Every room, both in the private and business portions, will be equipped with lights having electric ignition. The plant was purchased from "Dink" Powell, of Laurelton, who is installing it.

A short time ago Milton H. Snyder wrote to his mother, Mrs. Mary Snyder at Centre Hall, that on Friday previous to the Grange Encampment he and his family would come here to visit her. The mother looked forward to this time with pleasure, but when the appointed day came her son was brought to her door a corpse instead of one in middle life, hale and hearty.

The Keystone Gazette devotes over a column in its last issue in an argument against the loose manner in which some of the Bellefonte hotels are conducted with respect to the sale of intoxicant liquors. The Gazette claims that unless landlords are more careful to whom they sell, and how heavy they load their customers, popular opinion against the traffic will become so strong that licenses will be refused by the court.

Rev. Bromer, pastor of the Jeanette Reformed church, accompanied Mrs. Milton H. Snyder and her daughters to Centre Hall on Friday, and here assisted in conducting the services at the burial of Mrs. Snyder's husband, James I. Snyder, of Freeport, Illinois, a brother of the deceased, also came east and accompanied the remains to their last resting place. Mrs. Snyder has not decided whether she will make Jeannette her future home, or remain at Centre Hall.

The fallacy of giving away valuable franchises is forcibly illustrated by what happened a few days ago in Chicago. Twenty years ago Chicago gave absolutely free to a bunch of politicians an electric light franchise. The company did a very small business, but it had branching power to every portion of the great western metropolis, and the owners who paid nothing to the city for it, sold it for \$5,000,000.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Centre County Sunday School Association was held in Bellefonte on Friday. The work in the county was carefully gone over, and it was found that there is danger of the county losing its front line position which it has held for two years. The one weak point is the number of teacher training classes. Only strong cooperation on the part of workers in the various schools will save Centre county. Miss Robison, a state field worker, attended the meeting.